Transfer policy in CIL

†1789. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the policy of transfer of Directors and Chairman cum Managing Directors of different subsidiary companies of Coal India Ltd.; and

(b) whether the said transfer policy has been adhered to in the year 2000-2001, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) and (b) Transfers of Directors and Chairman-cum-Managing Directors from one subsidiary of Coal India Limited to another are made under the powers delegated to this Department by the Competent Authority. Such transfers are made as and when necessity arises keeping in view the exigencies of work.

Import of coal

1790. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new technique is being adopted for coal mining in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the quantum of coal imported during the last three years;

(d) the details of various coal grades which are being imported;

(e) whether these coal grades are available in abundance in the country;

(f) if so, the reasons for its import;

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†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

(g) whether Government propose to impose ban on import of coal, if so, details thereof; and

(h) the steps taken by Government to protect and promote indigenous coal industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details of new techniques being adopted are—

(i) Deployment of surface miner for selective mining of coal in opencast mines.

(ii) In-pit crushing and conveying technology.

(iii) Deployment of continuous miner and shuttle car for coal cutting, loading and transportation at the face in underground.

(iv) In-pit crushing and conveying technology both for coal and overburden.

(c) and (d) Coal imports are under Open General License. As per available information, details of coal imported in the last three years are indicated below:—

(In million tonnes)

Year	Coking coal	Non-coking coal	Coke
1998-99	10.02	6.51	1.57
1999-00	10.99	8.71	2.41
2000-01	11.06	9.87	2.42

(e) and (f) Import of coal and coke is being resorted to by consumers due to :—

(i) Non-availability/inadequate availability of required quantity and quality indigenously.

(ii) For blending with indigenous coal.

(iii) Cost considerations including commercial terms.

(g) No, Sir.

(h) Bulk of import of coal are coking coal and non-coking coal of low ash content. Since such coals are not adequately produced indigenously, there is no significant threat to the domestic coal industry from imports.

Test firing of Naval version of the short range surface to air missile

1791. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:
SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Naval version of the short range surface to air missile have recently been test fired;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the range of the short range missile and cost of the same?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Naval version of Trishul Missile system has been successfully flight tested twice on 28th and 29th January, 2002 in sea skimmer mode against the electronic simulated target and static floating target. The missile has hit the targets accurately. The flights have estabilished the command guidance all through the flight.

(c) Range of the Trishul Missile is 9 km and its cost is Rs. 45 lakhs per missile.